

Edwards: Heart of Texas Community Health Center to receive \$668,259 from Stimulus

(Washington, D.C.) – United States Representative Chet Edwards announced today that the Waco based Heart of Texas Community Health Center, Inc. will receive \$668,259 in funds from the stimulus legislation signed by the President on February 17th. These funds will be distributed through the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.

“Investing in community based healthcare is a direct way to make a positive impact on people’s lives,” said Edwards. “These grants will allow more residents of McLennan County to access quality healthcare during these trying economic times.”

The funding can be used to expand services offered at the Heart of Texas Community Health Center, which serves a client population of over 40,000 in McLennan County. More than 75% of patients cared for at the Community Health Center have incomes at or below 100% of Federal Poverty Level.

“By providing much needed healthcare funding that allows local community health centers to expand services, this stimulus funding can help those most in need as well as continue to develop our economy,” concluded Edwards.

Other stimulus funds recently announced for McLennan County include \$1.2 million for Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants, \$7.9 million for upgrades to the Waco VA hospital, \$2.1 million in Public Housing Capital Fund Grants, \$17.5 million in education funds for local school districts, \$4.9 million for rehabilitation of the runway at the Waco Regional Airport, and \$610,557 in formula grants for law enforcement from the Department of Justice.

